GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Energy, Infrastructure & Investment Department – Development of International Convention Centre at Visakhapatnam - Orders-Issued.

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Andhra Pradesh is placing an immense thrust on the potential of Tourism sector in the state with Tourism Mission being one of the core seven (7) missions of the state. To boost the tourism in the state, the GoAP has identified many priority tourism infrastructure projects in the state. Post the bifurcation of the State, GoAP lacks a State of the Art Convention Centre. Visakhapatnam even though, the largest city in the state of A.P., there is a dire need for a Convention Centre in the city. Currently, major convention/ exhibition facilities in the city are in the range of 200 – 1200 pax, and lack the capacity to hold major conventions which is a major impediment for conducting important knowledge and business meets and conferences in Visakhapatnam. This hampers the prospect of presenting Visakhapatnam to the world audience in the right perspective. Hence, the Government as prioritized development of a Mega Convention Centre in Visakhapatnam.

2. Visakhapatnam with a population of about 18 lakhs is the largest city in Andhra Pradesh. It is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city with people from all over the Country attracted by the various prestigious institutions and industries such as Indian Navy, Port Trust, Vizag Steel Plant and NTPC plant etc. It is also considered as the financial capital of the State. Its economy ranks 8th largest among Indian cities. Being one of the major cities in the East coast, it is well connected through rail, road and air. It is connected through Golden Quadrilateral project which connects Chennai and Kolkata. The city is one of the main tourism destinations of the State. It is known for its beaches, caves and Eastern Ghats as well as wild life sanctuaries.

3. The Government has therefore decided to develop an International Convention Centre at Visakhapatnam City with exhibition halls, meeting halls, parking places, star hotel, retail mall, etc. on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) format in a site of around Ac.14.15 cents on Harbour Park Road/R.K. Beach Road in Visakhapatnam city. Out of the total land, the land in possession of APIIC is around Ac.10.65 cents and the remaining land to extent of about Ac.3.5 cents is owned by a private entity. A Committee is being formed to negotiate with the private land owner for swapping/exchange of their land.

4. The Government has also decided that the APIIC will proceed with the development of land through private players. The Infrastructure Corporation of A.P. (INCAP) will act as Transaction Adviser on behalf of APIIC for project development, structuring and selection of private partner through transparent bidding process with the assistance of in house retainer Consultants. This project will be dealt by the Energy, Infrastructure & Investment Department.

5. Government hereby Constitute the Committee with the following members to negotiate with the private land owner for swapping/exchange of their land.

1) Dist. Collector, Visakhapatnam	-	Chairman
2) VC&MD, APIIC – Member	-	Convener
3) Commissioner, GVMC	-	Member
4) VC, VUDA	-	Member
5) Jt. Collector, Visakhapatnam	-	Member

6. The above committee will furnish its Report to the Government within a period of 15 days and the Government would take further action for land exchange based on the Report of the Committee.

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7. The VC & MD, INCAP shall take necessary further action in the above matter to issue Requisition for Project (RFP) on behalf of APIIC without waiting for land exchange/land swapping proposal to be completed to save time. The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, APIIC shall coordinate with the Infrastructure Corporation of A.P. to expedite the project.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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